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PEARL MILLET (*Pennisetum spicatum* R. & S.).

An annual of luxuriant growth, 6 to 10 feet high, with long, broad leaves, stout stems, and a terminal, upright, dense cylindrical flower cluster, 6 to 12 inches long. It is a native of the Old World, where, especially in Central Africa, it has been in cultivation for its grain for many years. It requires a loose, rich soil to obtain the best growth, and under favorable conditions produces an enormous quantity of green fodder, for which purpose it can be cut several times during the season. It does not dry out readily and is often difficult to cure for hay. It has been cultivated with success as far north as Pennsylvania and in many parts of the South for many years. It is often called Cat-tail Millet and is sold also under the name of Penicillaria.

Sowing.—It is best sown in drills about 2 feet apart, and 5 to 6 pounds of seed are required per acre.

